

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims, if entered, will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present Application.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
synchronizing inventory transaction information of a computerized inventory management system ~~comprising a source computerized inventory management system executing on a first computer and a target computerized inventory management system executing on a second computer~~, wherein
the computerized inventory management system comprises a plurality of inventory systems,
said synchronizing is bidirectional, and
said synchronizing comprises
extracting inventory transaction information in a source format that
is associated with the source ~~computerized~~ inventory management system, wherein
the source inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems;
converting the inventory transaction information in the source format into inventory transaction information ~~that is~~ in an intermediate format; and
converting the inventory transaction information in the intermediate format into inventory transaction information in a target format that corresponds to the target ~~computerized~~ inventory management system, wherein
the target inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, further comprising:
using the inventory transaction information in the target format to perform at least one computer-implemented act from a set of computer-implemented acts comprising:
creating a new inventory transaction record in the target **computerized** inventory **management** system; and
updating an existing inventory transaction record in the target **computerized** inventory **management** system.
3. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, further comprising:
extracting inventory transaction information in a second source format that is associated with a second source **computerized** inventory **management** system that is distinct from the source **computerized** inventory **management** system, wherein
the second source inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems;
converting the inventory transaction information in the second source format into inventory transaction information that is in the intermediate format;
converting the inventory transaction information in the intermediate format into inventory transaction information in the target format; and
using the inventory transaction information in the target format to perform at least one computer-implemented act from a set of computer-implemented acts comprising:
creating a new inventory transaction record in the target **computerized** inventory **management** system; and
updating an existing inventory transaction record in the target **computerized** inventory **management** system.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the intermediate format comprises a list of inventory transactions class with a hierarchy of data elements, wherein the hierarchy of data elements comprises a plurality of inventory transaction elements which comprise other elements.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-implemented method of Claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises:
 - an inventory transaction identifier;
 - a base data element for defining:
 - a transaction comments element;
 - a transaction date;
 - a transaction quantity of items;
 - a transaction time;
 - a transaction type code; and
 - a transaction unit of measure code;
 - a list of identifier data element for defining identifier data that is specific to a product or item[.];
 - a location data element for defining a destination location data element and a source location data element;
 - a related product element for defining a product or item identifier;
 - a related document data element for defining a related purchase order element; and
 - a custom data element for defining customized attributes for the inventory transaction information.
6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 5, wherein:
 - the identifier data element comprises a product serial number or an item serial number;
 - the destination location data element comprises a destination bucket code element and a destination inventory location identifier element;

the source location data element comprises a source bucket code element and a source inventory location identifier; and

the related purchase order element comprises a purchase order element for defining purchase-order-type elements that comprise:

a common object row identifier element;

a purchase order base data element wherein the purchase order base data element comprises a purchase order number;

a list of purchase order line item element, wherein the list of purchase order line item element comprises a plurality of purchase order line items; and

a purchase order custom data element.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 6, wherein each of the plurality of purchase order line items comprises:

a purchase order line item number identifier element;

a purchase order line item base data element; and

a purchase order line item custom data element.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 7, wherein the purchase order line item base data element comprises a purchase order line item number.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions for managing inventory, wherein execution of the one or more sequences of instructions by one or more processors causes the one or more processors to perform:

synchronizing inventory transaction information of a computerized inventory

management system ~~comprising a source computerized inventory~~

~~management system executing on a first computer and a target~~

~~computerized inventory management system executing on a second~~

~~computer~~, wherein

the computerized inventory management system comprises a plurality of inventory systems,

said synchronizing is bidirectional, and

said synchronizing comprises

extracting inventory transaction information in a source format that is associated with the source ~~computerized~~ inventory

~~management~~ system, **wherein**

the source inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems;

converting the inventory transaction information in the source format into inventory transaction information ~~that is~~ in an intermediate format; and

converting the inventory transaction information in the intermediate format into inventory transaction information in a target format that corresponds to the target ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system, **wherein**

the target inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, further comprising:
- using the inventory transaction information in the target format to perform at least one computer-implemented act from a set of computer-implemented acts comprising:
- creating a new inventory transaction record in the target ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system; and
- updating an existing inventory transaction record in the target ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, further comprising:
extracting inventory transaction information in a second source format that is associated with a second source ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system that is distinct from the source ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system, wherein
the second source inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems;
converting the inventory transaction information in the second source format into inventory transaction information that is in the intermediate format;
converting the inventory transaction information in the intermediate format into inventory transaction information in the target format; and
using the inventory transaction information in the target format to perform at least one computer-implemented act from a set of computer-implemented acts comprising:
creating a new inventory transaction record in the target ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system; and
updating an existing inventory transaction record in the target ~~computerized~~ inventory ~~management~~ system.
12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein the intermediate format comprises a list of inventory transactions class with a hierarchy of data elements.
13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the hierarchy of data elements comprises a plurality of inventory transaction elements which comprise other elements.
14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises an inventory transaction identifier.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a base data element for defining:
 - a transaction comments element;
 - a transaction date;
 - a transaction quantity of items;
 - a transaction time;
 - a transaction type code; and
 - a transaction unit of measure code.
16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a list of identifier data element for defining identifier data that is specific to a product or item.
17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a location data element for defining a destination location data element and a source location data element.
18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a related product element for defining a product or item identifier.
19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a related document data element for defining a related purchase order element.
20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises a custom data element for defining customized attributes for the inventory transaction information.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein the identifier data element comprises a product serial number or an item serial number.
22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 17, wherein the destination location data element comprises a destination bucket code element, which in turn comprises a destination inventory location identifier.
23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 17, wherein the source location data element comprises a source bucket code element, which in turn comprises a source inventory location identifier.
24. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, wherein the related purchase order element comprises a purchase order element for defining purchase order elements that comprise:
 - a common object row identifier element;
 - a purchase order base data type element;
 - a list of purchase order line item element; and
 - a purchase order custom data element.
25. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 24, wherein the purchase order base data type element comprises a purchase order number.
26. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 24, wherein the list of purchase order line item element comprises a plurality of purchase order line items.
27. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 26, wherein each of the plurality of purchase order line items comprises:
 - a purchase order line item number identifier element;
 - a purchase order line item base data element; and
 - a purchase order line item custom data element.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 27, wherein the purchase order line item base data element comprises a purchase order line item number.
29. **(Currently Amended)** A system, comprising:
a processor;
an interconnect coupled to the processor;
a computer-readable storage medium, coupled to the processor via the interconnect,
the computer-readable storage medium further comprising:
instructions, when executed by the processor, for synchronizing inventory transaction information of a computerized inventory management system ~~comprising a source computerized inventory management system executing on a first computer and a target computerized inventory management system executing on a second computer,~~
wherein
said computerized inventory management system comprises a plurality of inventory systems,
said instructions for synchronizing are configured to perform
bidirectional synchronization, and
said instructions for synchronizing comprise
instructions, when executed by the processor, for extracting
inventory information in a source format that is
associated with the source ~~computerized~~ inventory
~~management~~ system, wherein
the source inventory system is any one of the
plurality of inventory systems;
instructions, when executed by the processor, for converting
the inventory transaction information in the source
format into inventory transaction information ~~that is~~ in
intermediate format;
instructions, when executed by the processor, for converting
the inventory transaction information in the

intermediate format into inventory transaction information in a target format that corresponds to the target **computerized** inventory **management** system, **wherein**

the target inventory system is any one of the plurality of inventory systems; and

a data structure for managing inventory, the data structure comprising a list of inventory transactions class with a hierarchy of data elements, wherein the hierarchy of data elements comprises a plurality of inventory transaction element, and each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements is configured to store the inventory transaction information in the intermediate format.

30. (Previously Presented) The data structure of Claim 29, wherein each of the plurality of inventory transaction elements comprises:
- an inventory transaction identifier;
 - a base data element for defining:
 - a transaction comments element;
 - a transaction date;
 - a transaction quantity of items;
 - a transaction time;
 - a transaction type code; and
 - a transaction unit of measure code;
 - a list of identifier data element for defining identifier data that is specific to a product or item;
 - a location data element for defining a destination location data element and a source location data element;
 - a related product element for defining a product or item identifier;
 - a related document data element for defining a related purchase order element; and
 - a custom data element for defining customized attributes for the inventory transaction information.

31. (Previously Presented) The data structure of Claim 30, wherein:
the identifier data element comprises a product serial number or an item serial number;
the destination location data element comprises a destination bucket code element and a destination inventory location identifier element;
the source location data element comprises a source bucket code element and a source inventory location identifier; and
the related purchase order element comprises a purchase order element for defining purchase-order-type elements that comprise:
a common object row identifier element;
a purchase order base data element wherein the purchase order base data element comprises a purchase order number;
a list of purchase order line item element, wherein the list of purchase order line item element comprises a plurality of purchase order line items;
and
a purchase order custom data element.
32. (Previously Presented) The data structure of Claim 31, wherein each of the plurality of purchase order line items comprises:
a purchase order line item number identifier element;
a purchase order line item base data element; and
a purchase order line item custom data element.
33. (Previously Presented) The data structure of Claim 32, wherein the purchase order line item base data element comprises a purchase order line item number.